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Almost a City.

In 1900 the population of Covington was but a little over 1,000. The census of 1910 gives it 4,230, while Rosedale, Dry Run and the other suburbs that butt right up against the city, from one line and house Covington business people, add fully 1,000 to this number. It is my prediction that in two years from now Covington will have to be listed among the Virginia cities, for the wide-awake people are going to bring more industries here, and it will not

## A black and white photograph of a large industrial complex, likely a steel mill, situated in a valley. The complex features multiple large buildings with numerous windows and a prominent tall smokestack emitting smoke. The background shows a hilly landscape under a cloudy sky.

## THE BIG PULP AND PAPER MILLS



**COVINGTON'S BIG HOTEL.**

**Plans for Good Roads.**  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Cape Charles, Va., June 3.—Citizens of Willsboro have raised \$570 to supplement the county and State funds for building a road from Exmore Station to this place. Mr. McCready, a wealthy New Yorker, who has recently purchased property in Upshurs Neck, agreed to put up an amount in order to have a good road there. This

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**Virginia-Grown Cotton.**  
A gentleman who lives in Rock-  
bridge county, just under the shadow  
of the grand mountain peaks that look  
down upon the Natural bridge and a

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In reviewing the work of the several divisions of the department, the commissioner declares that there is gratifying progress in all, these including the test farms, the State Museum, division of animal industry, entomology, horticulture, demonstration, botany, agronomy, pure food work and the oil department.

Here is the list of special prizes:  
Class 1. Single ear, white corn.  
First prize, \$50; second, \$25; third, \$10;  
fourth, \$9; fifth, \$8; sixth, \$7; seventh,  
\$6; eighth, \$5; ninth, \$4; tenth, \$3;  
eleventh, \$2; twelfth, \$1.  
Sydnor Pump and Well Company,  
Richmond, will give to winner of first

The West End Home Building Association are developing the fine Boulevard property, and Mr. Gover, the agent in charge, tells me that there is a strong and growing demand for lots in the Boulevard and adjoining streets. This company has a large tract of lots on Mrs. Street, M. L. Hofheimer, D. V. Bowles, Jr., H. R. Bowles and H. M. Smith, Jr. Mr. Smith now owns the entire block bounded by the Boulevard, Beverly, Mulberry and Cham-